

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the second paragraph of page 91 of the specification with the following paragraph:

The chassis also support switch fabric cards 570a and 570b. As shown, each switch fabric card may include multiple switch fabric (SF) cards and a switch scheduler (SS) card. In addition, the chassis supports multiple central processor cards (542 and 543, Fig. 35). Instead of having a single central processor card, the external control functions and the internal control functions may be separated into different cards as described in U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/574,343, filed May 20, 2000 and entitled "Functional Separation of Internal and External Controls in Network Devices," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. As shown, the chassis may support internal control (IC) processor cards 542a and 543a and external control (BC) processor cards 542b and 543v. Auxiliary processor (AP) cards 542c and 543c are provided for future expansion to allow more external control cards to be added, for example, to handle new upper layer protocols. In addition, a management interface (MI) card 621 for connecting to an external network management system (62, Fig. 35) is also provided.